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# VENOM

## FIRST HOST



YEARS AGO, A CHANCE ENCOUNTER LED TO DISGRACED REPORTER EDDIE BROCK BONDING WITH AN AGGRESSIVE ALIEN ORGANISM KNOWN AS A SYMBIOTE. UNITED BY THEIR SIMILAR NEED FOR JUSTICE IN THE FORM OF VENGEANCE, AND GIFTED WITH POWERS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF SPIDER-MAN (ALONG WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES), THE TWO FIGHT CRIME AS THE WICKED WEB-SLINGER VENOM. BUT BEFORE THERE WAS VENOM, THERE WAS...

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THE VENOM SYMBIOTE HAS RECENTLY SPAWNED, AND, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF LIZ ALLAN, ALCHEMAX HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE PROTECTION OF ITS ALIEN OFFSPRING UNTIL VENOM FEELS IT IS READY FOR THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

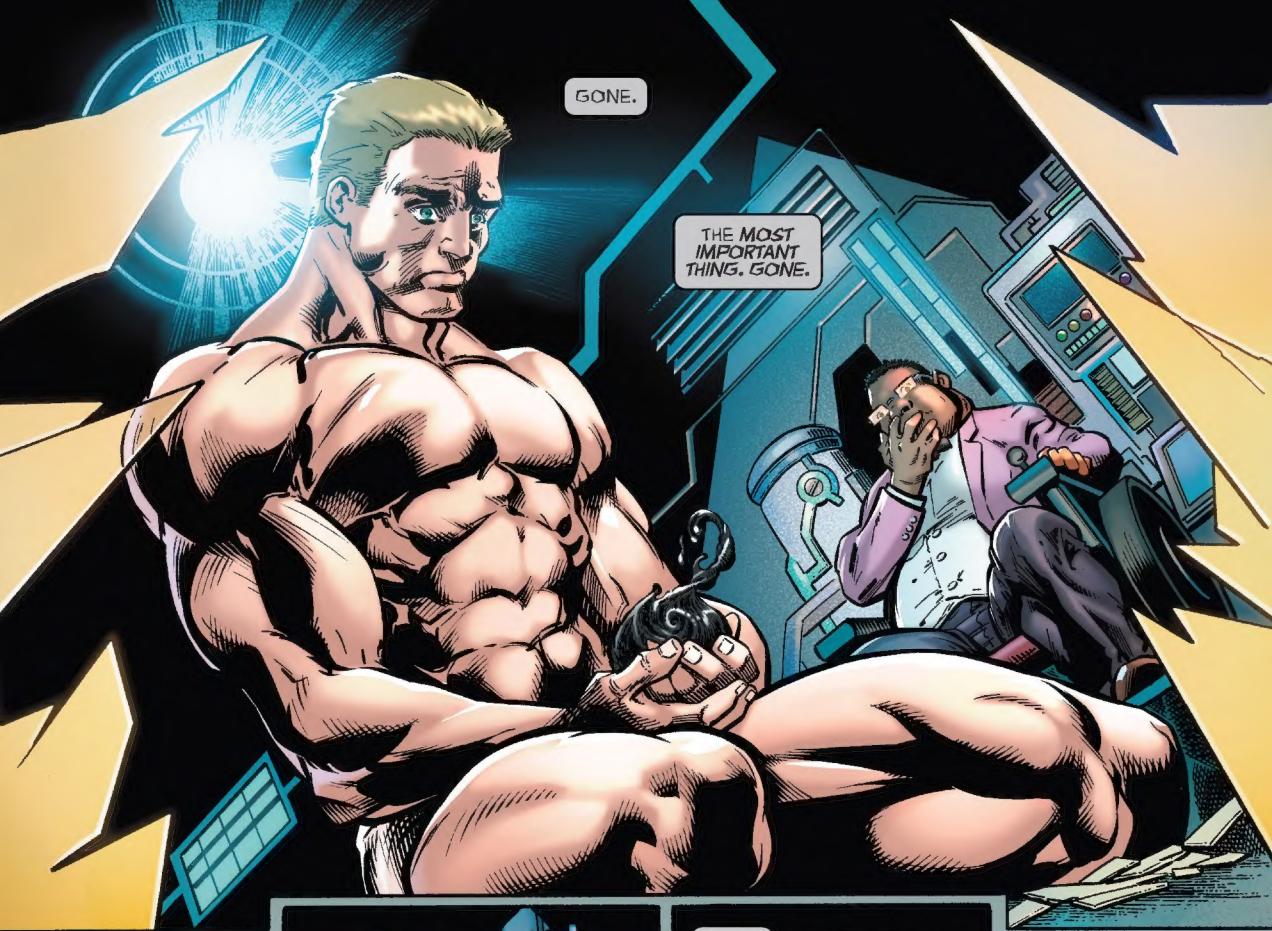
AMBUSHED BY A SKRULL WARBRIDE CALLED M'LANZ, VENOM WAS ABLE TO FEND HER OFF WITH THE HELP OF A KREE WARRIOR, TEL-KAR, WHO CLAIMED TO BE THE SYMBIOTE'S FIRST HOST!

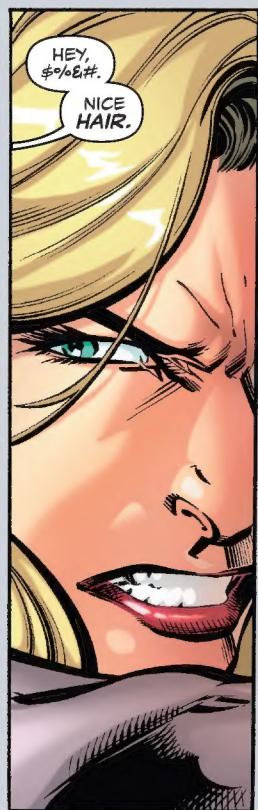
THEIR REUNION WAS CUT SHORT WHEN, ANGERED BY THE SYMBIOTE'S REFUSAL TO RETURN TO HIM, TEL-KAR KIDNAPPED THE SYMBIOTE OFFSPRING! WITH NO OTHER CHOICE, THE SYMBIOTE LEFT WITH TEL-KAR, ABANDONING EDDIE AND THEIR SCARED PROGENY IN THE PROCESS.

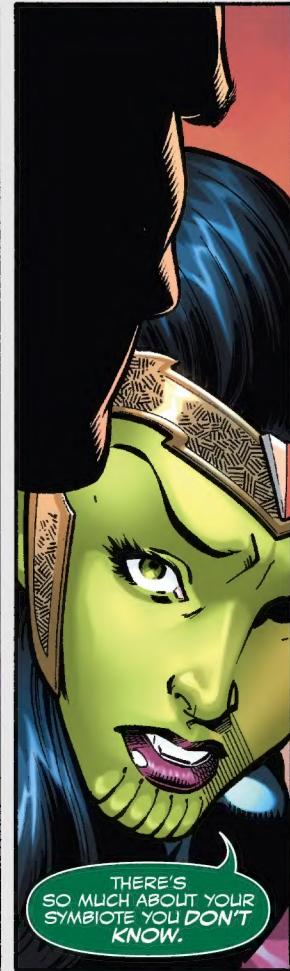
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"TEL-KAR WAS ONE OF THE GREAT TERRORS OF THE GLORIOUS WAR."

"AMONG HIS MANY CRIMES, ARMED WITH YOUR Symbiote, HE INFILTRATED THE SKRULL RANKS FOR MONTHS."



"HE SABOTAGED MISSIONS, UNCOVERED CLASSIFIED INTELLIGENCE, PERFORMED ASSASSINATIONS."



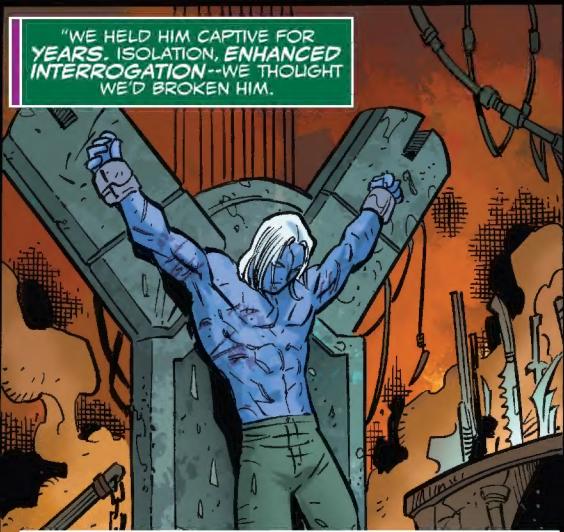
"WE'LL NEVER KNOW HOW BADLY HE COMPROMISED OUR WAR EFFORT."

"HE FINALLY REVEALED HIMSELF IN ORDER TO SAVE SOME KREE REFUGEES."



"OBVIOUSLY HE'D INTENDED TO DIE HELPING THEM ESCAPE, BUT MY WAR SISTERS AND I TOOK HIM ALIVE BEFORE HE COULD DESTROY THE SHIP."

"WE HELD HIM CAPTIVE FOR YEARS. ISOLATION, ENHANCED INTERROGATION--WE THOUGHT WE'D BROKEN HIM."



"...BUT HE WAS ONLY LYING IN WAIT."

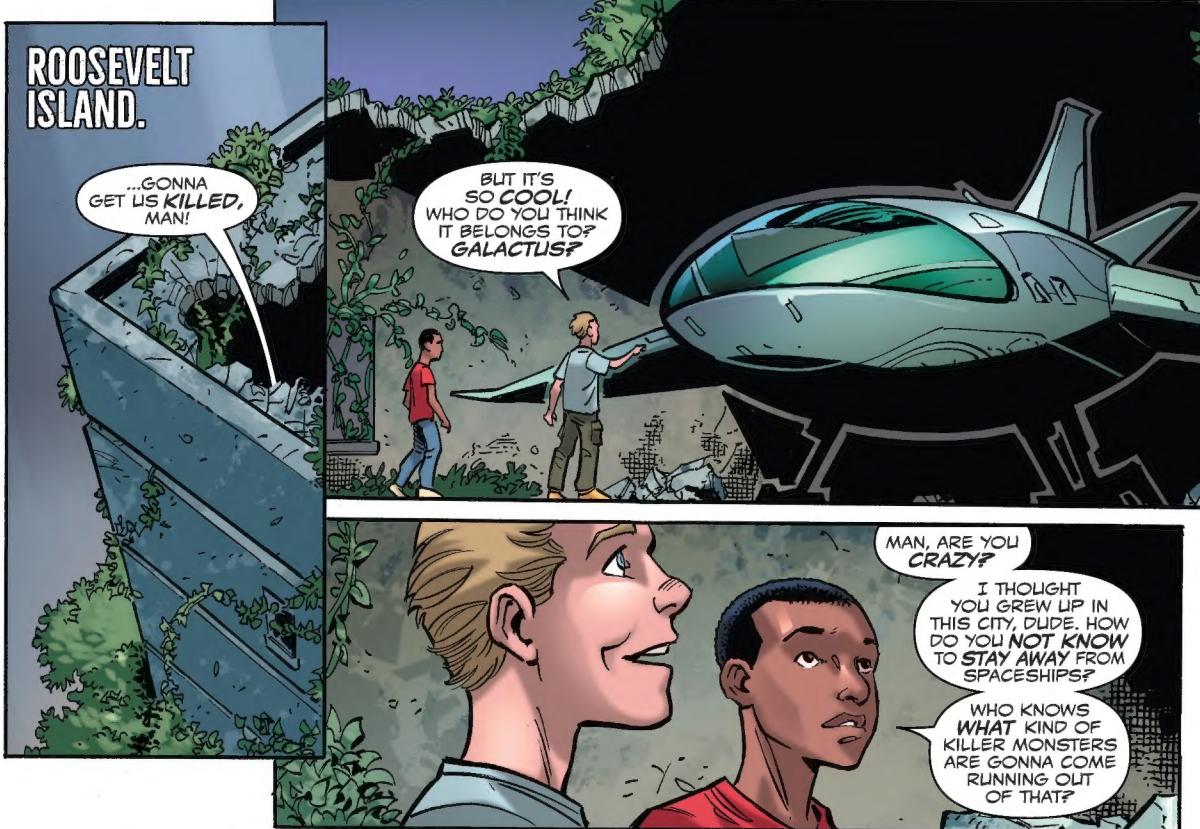
"EVENTUALLY, THE SECURITY PROTOCOLS ON HIM WERE LESSENED, AND HE STRUCK. KILLED TWO OF MY SISTERS IN HIS ESCAPE."



"WE LEARNED ALL WE COULD ABOUT HIS INFILTRATION, OF THE EXPERIMENTS TEL-KAR HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO TO MAKE HIM A MORE PERFECT HOST FOR THE SYMBIOTE AND HOW WE MIGHT PREVENT ANOTHER FROM INFILTRATING OUR RANKS WITH SUCH EASE. WE THOUGHT HE'D TOLD US EVERYTHING..."



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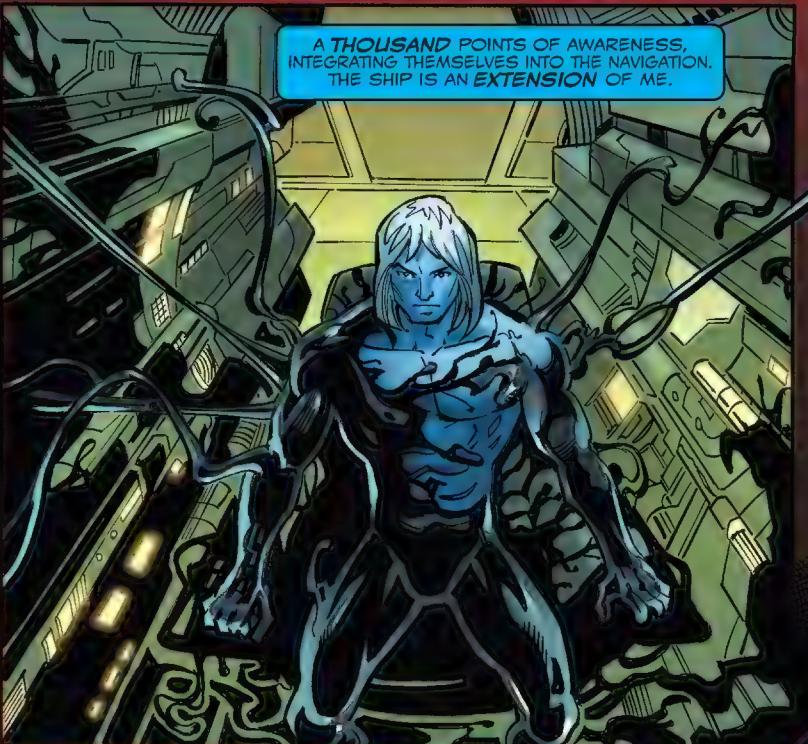


I MISSED THIS.

THE FEELING OF MASS, OF STRENGTH.



THE SINGLE, SUSTAINED NOTE IN THE BACK OF MY HEAD, AND THE SUBTLE, GRACEFUL WAY I CAN TUNE IT IN AND OUT.



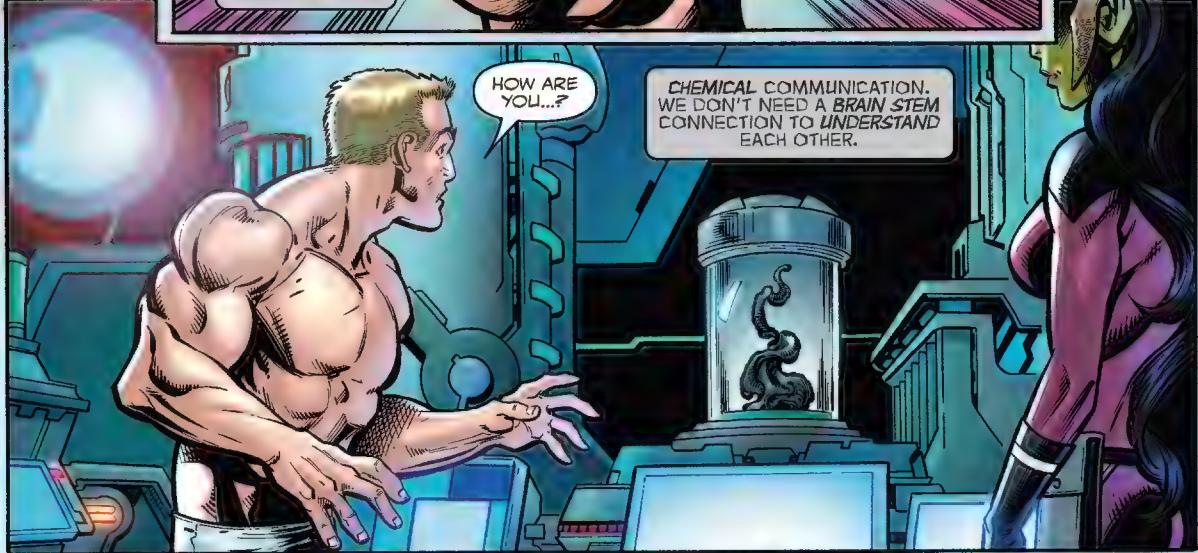
A THOUSAND POINTS OF AWARENESS, INTEGRATING THEMSELVES INTO THE NAVIGATION. THE SHIP IS AN EXTENSION OF ME.



ME. AT THE CENTER OF A UNIVERSE THAT BENDS TO MY EVERY WISH.













STRIKER-SHIP  
NTAURI, YOU ARE IN  
RESTRICTED SPACE. DISARM  
ALL WEAPONS IMMEDIATELY AND  
DOCK WITH CONTAINMENT FIELDS  
DOWN OR YOU WILL BE  
DESTROYED.

WARBRIDE  
M'LANZ.  
MAAM,  
THIS IS HIGHLY  
UNUSUAL.

I'LL NEED  
YOUR MEN ON  
HIGHEST ALERT,  
SOLDIER. I HAVE  
REASON TO BELIEVE  
THIS INSTALLATION IS  
TARGETED FOR  
INFILTRATION.

MAAM, YOU'LL  
HAVE TO STAY THERE. WE'RE  
READING THAT YOUR CRAFT IS  
CARRYING AN UNCLASSIFIED  
LIFE-FORM.

AND WE'VE  
RECEIVED NO  
COMMUNIQUES REGARDING  
YOUR ARRIVAL.

FRANKLY, MAAM,  
YOU ARE NOT CLEARED TO  
EVEN BE AWARE OF THIS  
INSTALLATION.

EXCELLENT.  
SHE DOESN'T EVEN  
KNOW ABOUT THIS  
PLACE.  
SO  
SHE WON'T BE  
COMING.





OKAY, BROCK,  
WHAT OTHER  
TRICKS HAVE YOU  
LEARNED?

HOW  
COULD YOU  
SEE MY  
SHIP?  
CAN YOU  
DISGUISE  
YOURSELF LIKE  
THE OTHER  
SYMBIOTE?

UNCLEAR.

OUR  
POWERS ARE STILL  
IMMATURE...SEE THINGS  
DIFFERENTLY THAN VENOM.  
MORE LIKE FEELING  
THAN SEEING.

FEEL  
DIFFERENT INSIDE  
TOO. LIKE THERE ARE  
DIFFERENT ORGANS  
THAT DO DIFFERENT  
THINGS NOW.

SUCH  
AS--WE HAVE A SUBTLE  
ARRAY OF CHEMICAL AND  
PHEROMONE PRODUCTION  
AT OUR DISPOSAL, IN EITHER  
DIRECT LIQUID CONTACT  
OR AEROSOL  
FORM.

WE  
CAN CREATE  
CONFUSION, BRING  
ON EUPHORIA  
OR SLEEP.

AND  
WE CAN BE VERY  
PERSUASIVE.



"TEL-KAR CAN'T BE MORE THAN A FEW HOURS AHEAD OF US."

"HOPEFULLY, THE FACILITY'S SECURITY HAS HELD HIM AT BAY."

"WE JUST HAVE TO PRAY WE GET THERE IN TIME."

"BECAUSE IF WE DON'T GET THERE BEFORE HE GETS TO THE WEAPON..."

"...IT'S ALL OVER."

TO BE CONTINUED...



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